



**ROANOKE CITY COUNCIL  
REGULAR SESSION**

**AUGUST 17, 2015  
2:00 P.M.**

**CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER**

**AGENDA**

**1. Call to Order--Roll Call. Vice-Mayor Trinkle was absent.**

The Invocation was delivered by The Reverend M. Sylvia Ball, Pastor, Sweet Union Baptist Church.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America was led by Mayor David A. Bowers.

Welcome. Mayor Bowers.

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**THE PUBLIC IS ADVISED THAT MEMBERS OF COUNCIL RECEIVE THE CITY COUNCIL AGENDA AND RELATED COMMUNICATIONS, REPORTS, ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS, ETC., ON THE THURSDAY PRIOR TO THE COUNCIL MEETING TO PROVIDE SUFFICIENT TIME FOR REVIEW OF INFORMATION.**

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO COMPLY WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT. SPECIAL ASSISTANCE IS AVAILABLE FOR DISABLED PERSONS ADDRESSING CITY COUNCIL. EFFORTS WILL BE MADE TO PROVIDE ADAPTATIONS OR ACCOMMODATIONS BASED ON INDIVIDUAL NEEDS OF QUALIFIED INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES, PROVIDED THAT REASONABLE ADVANCE NOTIFICATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED BY THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE.

PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL WILL BE REQUIRED TO CONTACT THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE PRIOR TO THE MONDAY COUNCIL MEETING, OR REGISTER WITH THE STAFF ASSISTANT AT THE ENTRANCE TO THE COUNCIL CHAMBER PRIOR TO COMMENCEMENT OF THE COUNCIL MEETING. ONCE THE COUNCIL MEETING HAS CONVENED, THERE WILL BE NO FURTHER REGISTRATION OF SPEAKERS, EXCEPT FOR PUBLIC HEARING MATTERS. ON THE SAME AGENDA ITEM, ONE TO FOUR SPEAKERS WILL BE ALLOTTED FIVE MINUTES EACH; HOWEVER, IF THERE ARE MORE THAN FOUR SPEAKERS, EACH SPEAKER WILL BE ALLOTTED THREE MINUTES.

ANY PERSON WHO IS INTERESTED IN SERVING ON A CITY COUNCIL-APPOINTED AUTHORITY, BOARD, COMMISSION OR COMMITTEE MAY CONTACT THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE AT 853-2541, OR ACCESS THE CITY'S HOMEPAGE TO COMPLETE AN ONLINE APPLICATION.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROANOKE IS SEEKING APPLICATIONS FOR THE FOLLOWING CURRENT VACANCIES AND/OR UPCOMING EXPIRATIONS OF TERMS OF OFFICE:

ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD – ONE VACANCY  
FOUR-YEAR TERM OF OFFICE ENDING OCTOBER 1, 2019

BUILDING AND FIRE CODE OF APPEALS/AT-LARGE – TWO VACANCIES  
UNEXPIRED TERM OF OFFICE ENDING JUNE 30, 2016  
THREE-YEAR TERM OF OFFICE ENDING JUNE 30, 2018

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY – ONE VACANCY  
FOUR-YEAR TERM OF OFFICE ENDING OCTOBER 20, 2019**

**PARKS AND RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD  
UNEXPIRED TERM OF OFFICE ENDING MARCH 31, 2016**

**TOWING ADVISORY BOARD – THREE VACANCIES  
THREE-YEAR TERMS OF OFFICE ENDING OCTOBER 31, 2018**

**THE CITY OF ROANOKE ALSO IS ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS FOR THE 2015 CITIZEN OF THE YEAR. TO OBTAIN A NOMINATION FORM, CONTACT THE CITY CLERK'S OFFICE AT (540) 853-2541 OR ACCESS THE FORM AT EACH CITY LIBRARY BRANCH. DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF NOMINATIONS IS WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2015.**

**THE ANNUAL STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS WILL BE HELD ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3 AT 7:30 A.M., AT THE TAUBMAN MUSEUM OF ART, 110 SALEM AVENUE, S. E.**

## **2. PRESENTATIONS AND ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS:**

Presentation of the 2014 Government Finance Officers Association Certificates of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting for the City's and Pension Plan Comprehensive Annual Financial Report to the Department of Finance.

**The Mayor presented certificates to the Director of Finance and recognized staff.**

## **3. HEARING OF CITIZENS UPON PUBLIC MATTERS:**

**CITY COUNCIL SETS THIS TIME AS A PRIORITY FOR CITIZENS TO BE HEARD. ALL MATTERS WILL BE REFERRED TO THE CITY MANAGER FOR RESPONSE, RECOMMENDATION OR REPORT TO COUNCIL, AS HE MAY DEEM APPROPRIATE.**

**Bernadette Brown and Robert Gravely appeared before the Council.**

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**CONSENT AGENDA:**

(APPROVED 6-0)

**ALL MATTERS LISTED UNDER THE CONSENT AGENDA ARE CONSIDERED TO BE ROUTINE BY THE MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL AND WILL BE ENACTED BY ONE MOTION. THERE WILL BE NO SEPARATE DISCUSSION OF THE ITEMS. IF DISCUSSION IS DESIRED, THE ITEM WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE CONSENT AGENDA AND CONSIDERED SEPARATELY. The Mayor called attention to C-8, an additional request for Closed Meeting from the City Attorney for consultation with legal counsel pertaining to actual litigation.**

- C-1 Minutes of the regular meeting of Council held on Monday, February 2, 2015 and Tuesday, February 17, 2015.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Dispensed with the reading of the minutes and approved as recorded.**

- C-2 A communication from the City Manager requesting that the Council convene in a Closed Meeting to discuss the disposition of City-owned property located in the Coyner Springs area of Botetourt County, bearing Parcel ID Nos. 108(9)1B and 108(9)1A, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining or negotiating strategy of the public body, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (A)(3), Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Concurred in the request.**

- C-3 A communication from the City Manager requesting that the Council convene in a Closed Meeting to discuss the disposition of City-owned property located at 502 19<sup>th</sup> Street, S. E., where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining or negotiating strategy of the public body, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 (A)(3), Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Concurred in the request.**

- C-4 A communication from the City Clerk advising of vacancies created by the unexcused absences of LaJuan Thomas and Victoria M. Cox on the Human Services Advisory Board for terms of office ending November 30, 2016 and November 30, 2018, respectively.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Received and filed.**

- C-5 Annual report of the City of Roanoke Finance Board (OPEB) for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2015.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Concurred in the request.**

- C-6 Annual report of the Defined Contribution Board for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2015.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Concurred in the request.**

- C-7 Reports of qualification of the following individuals:

Barbara A. Dameron as the Director of Finance of the City of Roanoke, effective July 1, 2015;

Judy W. Jackson as a member of the Roanoke Civic Center Commission for a three-year term of office ending September 30, 2018; and

Kenai Hunt (Student/Alternate), Ashleigh Lowery (Student), Malik Morris (Student), and Quentin Long (Student/Alternate) for one-year terms of office, each, commencing July 1, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016, as members of the Youth Services Citizen Board.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Received and filed.**

- C-8 A communication from the City Attorney requesting that Council convene in a Closed Meeting for consultation with legal counsel pertaining to actual litigation, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating or litigating posture of the public body, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(7), Code of Virginia (1950), as amended.

**RECOMMENDED ACTION: Concurred in the request.**

### **REGULAR AGENDA:**

#### **5. PUBLIC HEARINGS: NONE.**

#### **6. PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS:**

- a. A communication from the Commonwealth's Attorney recommending acceptance of the Victim/Witness Program Grant; and a communication from the City Manager concurring in the recommendation.

**Adopted Resolution No. 40315-081715 and Budget Ordinance No. 40316-081715 (6-0).**

## 7. REPORTS OF CITY OFFICERS AND COMMENTS OF CITY MANAGER:

a. CITY MANAGER:

BRIEFINGS: NONE.

ITEMS RECOMMENDED FOR ACTION:

1. Acceptance of the Fiscal Year 2016 Urban and Community Forestry Grant from the Virginia Department of Forestry; and execution of a Memorandum of Agreement.  
**Adopted Resolution No. 40317-081715 and Budget Ordinance No. 40318-081715 (6-0).**
2. Approval of the Public Art Action Plan for Fiscal Year 2016.  
**Adopted Resolution No. 40319-081715 (6-0).**
3. Acquisition of real property rights for Gatewood Avenue/McVitty Road, S. W., Stormwater Drainage Improvement Project.  
**Adopted Ordinance No. 40320-081715 (6-0).**
4. Authorization to acquire various real property rights in connection with the King Street, N. E., Improvement Project.  
**Adopted Ordinance No. 40321-081715 (6-0).**

### COMMENTS OF CITY MANAGER.

The City Manager shared the following comments:

#### **The Roanoke Valley Alleghany Regional Summit on Housing and Resources**

- Wednesday, August 12, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Salem Civic Center.
- Sponsored by the Cities of Roanoke and Salem, Roanoke County, Trust, VHDA and Bowman Systems.
- The Summit brought together more than 130 participants representing local governments, public housing authorities, businesses and service providers.
- Localities that participated included the Cities of Roanoke, Salem and Covington and the Counties of Roanoke, Alleghany. Participants also attended from Harrisonburg, Lynchburg, Charlottesville, Richmond and the New River Valley.

- Speakers:
  - Mark Horvath, nationally recognized marketing consultant and founder of Invisible People, laid the foundation for the day by discussing the importance of the work we do to end homelessness.
  - Alan Thornton, CEO of the Rescue Mission Alliance, Syracuse, New York addressed the alignment of Continuum of Care and Rescue Missions across the nation.
- The Summit provided a great platform to collaborate, network and share ideas to improve and create housing choices for low income individuals and those experiencing homelessness in both urban and rural communities.
- The event also included a panel, whose members presented in the areas of public housing authorities, the Governor's Coordinating Council, and the Richmond Field Office of Housing and Urban Development.
- Next Steps: The Interagency Council leadership will meet to discuss additional means to keep the momentum. We realize that communication is a key strategy to ensuring that the community at large is aware of initiatives towards ending homelessness. Our goal is to continue to emphasize our aim:

#### **Telephone Survey**

- The Virginia Tech Center for Survey Research will conduct a telephone survey of citizens in the City of Roanoke beginning this week and continuing over the next several weeks.
- The survey will include telephone interviews with approximately 600 adult residents of the city, and it is anticipated that results will be compiled by late fall. It will focus primarily on satisfaction with the quality of services and customer service in general. This survey will also ask citizens to rate the importance of various services.
- The survey is being coordinated by the Department of Management and Budget.
- The last citizen survey was conducted in 2013.

#### **Delivery of Single Stream Recycling Carts**

- The distribution of the 96-gallon Hawaii Blue single stream recycling carts will begin this week.
- Solid Waste Management employees will be working with our cart manufacturer, Toter, to distribute these carts to some 40,000 homes, over the next six weeks.
- The plan calls for deliveries to take place Monday through Saturday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., beginning in the southwest quadrant, followed by southeast, northeast, and northwest.

b. CITY ATTORNEY:

1. Authorization to execute a Fiscal Agent Agreement, by and among Workforce Investment Area III Chief Local Elected Officials Consortium, Western Virginia Workforce Development Board, Inc., City of Roanoke, Virginia, and Roanoke Valley-Alleghany Regional Commission.  
**Adopted Resolution No. 40322-081715 (6-0).**
2. Amendment of the City Code to establish the interest rate charged for all years of delinquent taxes at ten percent in order to be consistent with applicable provisions of the Virginia State Code.  
**Adopted Ordinance No. 40323-081715 (6-0).**
3. Authorization to execute a Non-exclusive, Revocable, License Agreement with the Roanoke Valley Broadband Authority for the use of certain parcels of City-owned property for construction, installation, and maintenance of a fiber optic communications network for enhanced broadband internet service.  
**Adopted Ordinance No. 40324-081715 (6-0).**

DIRECTOR OF FINANCE:

1. Annual reports of the City of Roanoke Pension Plan, Board of Trustees; and the City of Roanoke Pension Investment Committee for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2015.  
**Received and filed.**
2. Revisions of the City Code as to expand the required disclosures to Council relating to any alteration or change to the Pension Plan that impact actuarial accrued liability.  
**Adopted Ordinance No. 40325-081715 (6-0).**

## 8. REPORTS OF COMMITTEES:

- a. A report of the Roanoke City School Board requesting appropriation of funds for various educational programs; and a report of the Director of Finance recommending that Council concur in the request. Donna Caldwell, Director of Accounting, Spokesperson  
**Adopted Budget Ordinance No. 40326-081715 (6-0).**

**9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: NONE.**

**10. INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:**

- a. A resolution reappointing Braxton G. Naff as a Director of the Economic Development Authority of the City of Roanoke for a four-year term of office ending October 20, 2019.

**Adopted Resolution No. 40327-081715 (6-0).**

**11. MOTIONS AND MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:**

- a. Inquiries and/or comments by the Mayor and Members of City Council.  
**In connection with the Status Report: Affirmative Action and Diversity Update for Calendar Year 2014 dated August 12, 2015, Council Member Lea inquired if the report was available for public inspection; whereupon, the Assistant City Manager for Operations advised that the report would be available online on the City's webpage at [www.roanokeva.gov](http://www.roanokeva.gov), by Tuesday, August 18, 2015.**

**Concerns were expressed about the safety of the Roanoke River Greenway.**

- b. Vacancies on certain authorities, boards, commissions and committees appointed by Council.

**12. RECESS – 3:15 P.M.**

**THE COUNCIL MEETING WAS RECESSED UNTIL 7:00 P.M., IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBER, ROOM 450, NOEL C. TAYLOR MUNICIPAL BUILDING.**



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Welcome. Mayor Bowers.

#### **CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING. (6-0).**

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## **A. PUBLIC HEARINGS:**

1. Request of Rockydale Quarries Corporation to permanently vacate, discontinue and close Old Rocky Mount Road, S. W., from its intersection with Welcome Valley Road, S. W., traveling south an approximate 1,126 feet to its terminus. J. Kenneth Randolph, President, Rockydale Quarries, Spokesperson.  
**Adopted Ordinance No. 40328-081715 (7-0).**
2. Proposal of the City of Roanoke to vacate an existing access easement to the Roanoke River held by the City across private property situated at 20 Old Woods Avenue, S. E., at the request of Roanoke River Investments, LLC, in connection with The Bridges Development Project. Christopher P. Morrill, City Manager.  
**Adopted Ordinance No. 40329-081715 (6-1, with Mayor Bowers voting no).**

## **B. HEARING OF CITIZENS UPON PUBLIC MATTERS:**

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**Muhandes Salaamallah appeared before the Council.**

## **C. RECESS – 7:29 P.M.**

**THE COUNCIL MEETING WAS RECESSED FOR A CLOSED MEETING IN COUNCIL'S CONFERENCE ROOM, ROOM 451, FOURTH FLOOR, NOEL C. TAYLOR MUNICIPAL BUILDING.**

**CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING. (7-0).**

## **D. ADJOURNED – 7:54 P.M.**